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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON FOOD AND NUTRITION,
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1. DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT MOST POSTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ATTRACT MANY LEADERS FOR 30-DAY VISITS, AND THAT VISIT OF THIS LENGTH NEEDED TO OBTAIN MORE THAN SUPERFICIAL VIEW OF U.S. AND FOR MEETING WITH COUNTERPARTS IN SEVERAL CITIES. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES 30-DAY LENGTH IS SUFFICIENTLY SHORT.

2. TO INTRODUCE PARTICIPANTS INTO MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT WITH LESS THAN FULL ENGLISH REQUIREMENT REDUCES ORAL COMMUNICATION BY HALF FOR GRANTEES WHO WOULD OTHERWISE GAIN TWICE AS MUCH BENEFIT. TO DIVERGE FROM THIS PRACTICE EVEN FOR CABINET-LEVEL NOMINEE MIGHT PUT THAT PERSON IN EMBARRASSING, AWKWARD POSITION OF BEING ONLY ONE IN MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT NOT MEETING ENGLISH COMPETENCE STANDARDS OF OTHERS, AND CAUSING OTHERS TO PROGRESS AT HALF RATE OF THEIR ABILITY. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE DONE.

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3. IF OTHER SPANISH-SPEAKING POSTS HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEM,
DEPARTMENT WILLING ESTABLISH SIMILAR PROJECT FOR THEM.

SO FAR, NONE HAVE SHOWN INTEREST. KISSINGER

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